IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE N/S Magnolia Avenue, 593' E \* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER of Lilac Avenue (3224 Magnolia Avenue) \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 13th Election District 1st Councilmanic District \* Case No. 91-129-A

Gerald A. Martin, Jr.

Petitioner

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit a buildable lot with a width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioner appeared and testified. Appearing as Protestants in the matter were the following: Richard and Patricia Parker, Richard Parker, Jr., Thomas and Katherine Schatz, Louise Alder, President, English Council Improvement Association, and Kate Keller.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 3224 Magnolia Avenue, consists of 6,250 sq.ft. zoned D.R. 5.5 and is split by the Baltimore County/Baltimore City line. The portion of the property located in Baltimore City is improved with a garage, which is proposed to be raised, and the remaining portion of the property located in Baltimore County is proposed to be developed with a single family dwelling as depicted in Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Said property, which is 50 feet wide, was purchased by Petitioner in July 1990 from a Charles Kelley. Petitioner testified Mr. Kelley told him that he needed to sell the property immediately as he was moving out of state. Mr. Martin testified that he has been in the home improvement business for the past 15 years and has built over 15 homes. He indicated that in this particular instance, it is his intention to build a house for himself. He testified the requested vari-

ance is necessary for him to develop the property and that it is his belief there are many other houses in the neighborhood which were developed on 50-foot wide lots.

Mr. Richard Parker, adjoining property owner at 3222 Magnolia Avenue, testified that he has resided at this location for the past 33 years. He testified that the subject property was involved in previous Case No. 86-438-A in which the then property owner, Joan M. Cox, requested a variance for a 50-foot lot width. Testimony indicated the relief requested was denied on May 16, 1986 and that the matter was subsequently appealed to the County Board of Appeals who, by Order issued October 30, 1986, denied the variance. Mr. Parker testified that Mr. Kelley testified at both hearings.

Testimony indicated that the circumstances surrounding the Protestants' opposition to the relief requested has not changed and that the granting of the variance would adversely affect the health, safety and general welfare of the community. In support of their position, the Protestants introduced photrographs of some of the houses in the neighborhood and numerous letters of opposition. Further, the Protestants disputed Mr. Martin's allegations that a number of the houses in the community were built on 50-foot wide lots. The Protestants argued that the Petitioner was a builder for over 15 years and either knew or should have known that the property was subject to compliance with the zoning regulations.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a

permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, the Petitioner has failed to present any testimony to meet his burden; therefore, the variance requested must be denied.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of November, 1990 that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a buildable lot with a width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED.

> ANN M. NASTAROWICZ Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

involved the same property which is the subject of the case presently before this Board. In Case No: 86-438-A, the then property owner, Joan M. Cox, requested a variance for a 50 foot lot width and this Board denied the variance request on October 30,

Once a zoning case is litigated, the decision is binding in subsequent litigation involving the same property and the same parties (or their successors) in the absence of an erroneous determination of law. Board of County Com'rs of Cecil County V. Racine 24 Md. App. 435, 332 A.2d 306 (1975); See Whittle v. Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County, 211 Md. 36, 125 A.2d 41 (1956).

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A purchaser of a property which does not conform to zoning standards is disqualified from claiming hardship or difficulty, because the hardship and general situation is "self-created". Gleason v. Keswick Improvement Assn., 197 Md. 46, 78 A.2d 164 (1951); Anderson, American Law of Zoning, Sections 3.35, 20.44-20.47, 20.58-59.

This Board finds that the issue of a variance for the subject lot was litigated previously before the Baltimore County Board of

Appeals in Case No: 86-438-A. The law dictates that the previous decision of this Board is binding absent an erroneous determination of law. In this case, no evidence was presented regarding an erroneous determination of law. Accordingly, we have no choice but to find that there has been no erroneous determination of law.

This Board also finds that the Petitioner/Appellant purchased a property which did not conform to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulation. Therefore, this Board finds, as a matter of law, that the Plaintiff is disqualified from claiming hardship or difficulty, because the hardship and general situation is "self-created". Accordingly, the Petition for Variance will be denied and this Board will so order.

Tiovember \_\_\_ day of October, 1991 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County ORDERED that the requested Petition for a Variance to permit a buildable lot with a width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet is hereby DENIED. Any appeal from this decision must be made in accordance with

Rules B-1 through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

BALTIMORE COUNTY Michael B. Samer, Acting Chairman Judson H. Lipowitz

Harry E. Buchheister, Jr.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF

■Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

January 22, 1991

887-3353

Baltimore County Board of Appeals County Office Building, Room 315 Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: Petition for Zoning Variance

N/S Magnolia Avenue, 593' E of Lilac Avenue (3224 Magnolia Avenue) 13th Election District, 1st Councilmanic District GERALD A. MARTIN, JR. Petitioner Case No. 91-129-A

Dear Board:

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on December 18, 1990 by Gerald A. Martin, Petitioner. All materials relative to the case are being forwarded

Please notify all parties to the case of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it has been scheduled. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Zoning Commissioner

**Enclosures** 

cc: Gerald A. Martin , 1950 Rockridge Court, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Louise Alder, President - English Council Improvement Association 3218 Magnolia Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227

People's Counsel of Baltimore County Rm. 304, County Office Bldg., Towson, Md. 21204

\* BEFORE THE IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF GERALD A. MARTIN, JR. \* COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A ZONING VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MAGNOLIA AVENUE, 593' EAST OF LILAC AVENUE \* BALTIMORE COUNTY (3224 MAGNOLIA AVENUE) 13TH ELECTION DISTRICT CASE NO: 91-129-A 1ST COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT **OPINION** 

This matter comes before this Board as an appeal from a decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, dated November 20, 1990, denying the property owner's Petition for a Variance to permit a buildable lot with a width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet.

The Petitioner/Appellant, Gerald A. Martin, Jr., appeared and represented himself without legal counsel. Peter Max Zimmerman, Deputy People's Counsel, appeared on behalf of the People's Counsel for Baltimore County and Patricia L. Parker, Richard E. Parker, Katherine Schatz, Thomas Schatz, Katharina Keller and Richard Parker, Jr. appeared as Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 3224 Magnolia Avenue, is located in the subdivision known as English Consul and is split by the Baltimore County/Baltimore City line. The testimony further indicated that the subject lot was once 50 feet wide, but, by virtue of an adverse possession decree, is now only 46-1/2 feet wide.

A previous Opinion and Order of this Board (Case No: 86-438-A) was entered into evidence as an exhibit. Said Opinion and Order

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE to the zoning commissioner of Baltimore county: 91-129-AThe undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1B02.3.C.1 To allow for a buildable lot with a width of 50 ft. in lieu of the required 55 ft. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) O Brought not to Build after nouse for me Park 15,000 for - 15 المادية الكامع الكلاكور والمساوية والمعال المادل Through got at heart \$20 mon to Brash even I've jour other how Evith on with 50 on here The property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s): Contract Purchaser BONZ BAR MONTERS DE SWSB (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) \_\_\_ City and State Attorney for Petitioner (Type or Print Name) Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted

70, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING -1/2HR. AVAILABLE FOR REARING Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County.

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this \_\_\_\_\_5

MON./TUES./WED. - NEXT TWO MONTHS

City and State

Attorney's Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

91-129-A

Dennis F. Rasmussen County Executive

ZONING DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the north side of Magnolia Ave. which is 28 ft wide at the distance 593 ft east of Like Ave. Being lot Nos 855 & 856 in the Subdivision of English Consul Estate, Part & sect. A as recorded In Baltimore County Plat Book No. 3 folio 108 containing 6,250 sp. ft. Also Known as # 3224 Magnolia Ave. and located in the 13th Election District.

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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204

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J. Robert Haines 

Gerald Alden Martin, Jr. 1900 Rockridge Court Marriottsville, Maryland 21104

> Petition for Zoning Variance CASE NUMBER: 91-129-A N/S Magnolia Avenue, 593' E Lilac Avenue 3224 Magnolia Avenue 13th Election District - 1st Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Gerald Alden Martin, Jr. HEARING: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1990 at 10:30 a.m.

Please be advised that  $\frac{50.33}{1}$  is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & PUST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FRUM THE PROPERTY
UNITLE THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. Bring the check and the sign & post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

Be advised that should you fail to return the sign & post set(s), there will be an additional \$50.00 added to the above amount for each such set , not returned.

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353 J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner

September 27, 1990



The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public bearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

NOTICE OF HEARING

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Variance: To allow for a buildable lot with a width of 50 ft. in lieu of the required

Baltimore County

cc: Mr. Martin

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353 J. Robert Haines

Hearing Date: Friday. November 9, 1990 at 10:30 a.m.

Variance: To allow for a buildable lot with a width of 50 fL in lieu of the required 55ft.

J. ROBERT HAINES
Zoning Commissioner of
Baltimore County
ARB/J/10/184 Oct. 11.

Mr. Gerald Alden Martin, Jr. 1900 Rochridge Court Marriottsville, MD 21104

Dennis F. Rasmussen

RE: Item No. 68, Case No. 91-129-A Petitioner: Gerald Alden Martin, Jr. Petition for Zoning Variance

October 24, 1990

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353 J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner



Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 5th day of September, 1390.

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Petitioner: Gerald Alden Martin Petitioner's Attorney:

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner DATE: September 14, 1990

Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Office of Planning and Zoning SUBJECT: Gerald A. Martin, Jr., Item No. 68

The Petitioner is requesting a Variance to permit a 50 ft. lot width in lieu of the minimum 55 ft. required. Staff has the following comments on the above request:

In instances such as these, staff's primary concerns are:

What is the impact on adjoining property?

2. Are adequate front, side and rear yard setbacks being

provided on the site? Will the reduced lot sizes result in requests for additional variances when subsequent lot owners try to build unsuitable homes on the lots or expand homes into required areas?

Based upon the information provided and analysis conducted, staff recommends that if the request is granted, the following conditions be attached:

- All building setback lines (front, side, rear) shall be shown on the site plan and recorded by the applicant on the deed of record. Furthermore, a statement shall be attached to the site plan which clearly states that all development shall conform to the setbacks as shown and additional variances shall not be granted for setbacks on the subject property.

Any applications for building permits shall include a copy of the site plan and the Commissioner's "Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law," provided by the applicant.

An accessory structure, while located on the Baltimore City portion of the lot, will be razed as indicated on the plat accompanying the Petitioner's request.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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Baltimore County Fire Department 700 East Joppa Road, Suite 901 Towson, Maryland 21204-5500 (301) 887-4500 Paul H. Reincke

J. Robert Haines

SEPTEMBER 6, 1990



Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: GERALD ALDEN MARTIN, JR.

Location: #3224 MAGNOLIA AVENUE

Item No.: 68 Zoning Agenda: SEPTEMBER 4, 1990 Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1988 edition prior to occupancy. CHAPTER 22

REVIEWER: At local Approved Approved Planning Group Special Inspection Division

JK/KEK

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

September 11, 1990

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

J. ROBERT HAINES, ZONING COMMISSONER, DEPARTMENT ZONING OFFICE

CHARLES E. BURNHAM, PLANS REVIEW CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS & LICENSES CEB

ZONING ITEM #: 68 PROPERTY OWNER: Gerald Alden Martin, Jr.

LOCATION: N/S Magnolia Avenue, 593' E Lilac Avenue (#3224 Magnolia Avenue) ELECTION DISTRICT: 13th COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT:

A REVIEW OF THE SITE PLAN FOR THE ABOVE ZONING ITEM INDICATES THE FOLLOWING:

( ) PROPOSED SITE PLAN DOES, DOES NOT, COMPLY TO STATE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATION 05.01.07, MARYLAND BUILDING CODE FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

( ) PARKING LOCATION ( ) NUMBER PARKING SPACES

( ) RAMPS (degree slope) ( ) CURB CUTS ( ) SIGNAGE

( ) PLAN DOES, DOES NOT COMPLY TO SET BACKS FOR EXTERIOR FIRE SEPARATION DISTANCE OF ARTICLE 5 AND ARTICLE 9 OF THE CURRENT BALTIMORE COUNTY BUILDING CODE.

A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN. SECTION 111.1 OF ARTICLE 1. CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS MAY BE ARE REQUIRED.

( ) A CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO CHANGE THE EXISTING USE OF THE STRUCTURE TO THE PROPOSED USE. SEE ARTICLE THREE AND ARTICLE ONE, SECTION 103.2 ALTERATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY BY CODE TO COMPLY TO NEW USE REQUIREMENTS.

( ) STRUCTURE IS SUBJECT TO FLOOD PLAIN LIMITATIONS, SECTION 516.0 COUNCIL BILL #158-88 ( BALTIMORE COUNTY BUILDING CODE).

( ) OTHER -

( ) BUILDING ACCESS

SUBJECT:

PERMITS MAY BE APPLIED FOR @ ROOM 100, 111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 - PHONE - 887-3900.

THIS REVIEW COVERS ONLY MAJOR ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE PLAN, A FULL REVIEW MAY BE CONDUCTED WHEN THE PERMIT APPLICATION AND PLANS ARE

APPLICABLE CODE: 1987 NATIONAL BUILDING CODES AS ADOPTED BY CONCIL BILL #158-88

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Zoning Advisory Committee DATE: August 30, 1990 FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for September 4, 1990

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments for Items 52, 55, 59, 60, 63, 65, 68, 69 and 70.

For Item 58, a County Review Group Meeting is required.

For Items 45, 62 and 66, the previous County Review Group comments still apply.

For Item 57, the topography shows a pole at corner of drive that will interfere with widening. Half paving width of Sulphur Spring Road is 21 feet, right-of-way equals 30 feet (not shown on plan). Entrance apron to be 7-inch concrete on 4-inch CR-6, similar to Plate R-32.

For Item 61, a revised County Review Group Meeting is needed. Original County Review Group Meeting under "Chartley Building" was for one story office.

For 91-42-A, Mary and National Bank Regonstruction. we have no comments. ROBERT W. BOWLING, P.E. Chief

Developers Engineering Division

RWB:s

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE N/S Magnolia Ave., 593' E of Lilac Ave. (3224 Magnolîa Ave.) 13th Election District lst Councilmanic District

: BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY : ZONING CASE NO. 91-129-A

GERALD A. MARTIN, JR., Petitioner

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final

Feople's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel Room 304, County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28th day of January, 1991, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Mr. Gerald A. Martin, Jr., 1900 Rockridge Ct., Marriottsville, MD 21104; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parker, Sr., 3222 Magnolia Ave., Baltimore, MD 21227.

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 315 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 (301) 887-3180

Hearing Room Room 301, County Office Bldg. May 6, 1991

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS. REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 2(b). NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEARING DATE UNLESS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL NO. 59-79.

CASE NO. 91-129A GERALD A. MARTIN, JR.

N/s Magnolia Ave., 593' E of Lilac Ave. (3224 Magnolia Ave.) 13th Election District 1st Councilmanic District

VAR-Buildable lot 50' in lieu of 55'. 11/20/90 -D.Z.C.'s Order DENYING Petition.

ASSIGNED FOR:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1991 AT 1:00 p.m. Petitioner/Appellant

cc: Gerald A. Martin, Jr. Louise Alder, President

English Council Impr. Assoc. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parker

People's Counsel for Baltimore County P. David Fields Pat Keller Public Services

J. Robert Haines Ann M. Nastarowicz James E. Dyer W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk - Zoning

Arnold Jablon, Chief Deputy County Attorney

LindaLee M. Kuszmaul Legal Secretary

5/6/91 - Following parties notified of hearing set for August 30, 1991 at 1:00 p.m.:

Gerald A. Martin, Jr. Louise Alder, President English Council Impr. Assoc. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parker People's Counsel for Baltimore County P. David Fields Pat Keller Public Services J. Robert Haines Ann M. Nastarowicz James E. Dyer W. Carl Richards, Jr. Docket Clerk - Zoning

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January 22, 1991

Baltimore County Board of Appeals County Office Building, Room 315 Towson, Maryland 21204

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Case No. 91-129-A

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> J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner

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Enclosures

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People's Counsel of Baltimore County Rm. 304, County Office Bldg., Towson, Md. 21204

File

November 20, 1990

Mr. Gerald A. Martin, Jr. 1900 Rockridge Court Marriottsville, Maryland 21104

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE N/S Magnolia Avenue, 593' E of Lilac Avenue (3224 Magnolia Avenue) 13th Election District - 1st Councilmanic District Gerald A. Martin, Jr. - Petitioner Case No. 91-129-A

Dear Mr. Martin:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been denied in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

a Minstern ANN M. NASTAROWICZ Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Parker, Sr. 3222 Magnolia Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21227

Mr. Richard Parker, Jr. 3221 Magnolia Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21227

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Schatz 3226 Magnolia Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21227

3218 Magnolia Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21227

Mrs. Kate Keller 3223 Magnolia Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21227

People's Counsel; File

Ms. Louise Alder

Baltimore County Government
Zoning Commissioner Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3353

February 7, 1991

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Parker 3222 Magnolia Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21227

RE: Case No. 91-129-A (Appealed 12/18/90) 3224 Magnolia Avenue Gerald A. Martin, Jr. - Petitioner 13th Election District

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Parker:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 30, 1991 in which you requested notification of information concerning the above appealed case.

This is to advise, the Board of Appeals will notify you of the scheduled appeal hearing and any other issues that arise concerning the above case. By carbon copy of this letter, we are referring your request to the Board of Appeals.

If you have any further questions you may call Linda Kuzmaul of the Board of Appeals at 887-3180.

> Very truly yours, Charlotte Radcliffe Legal Secretary

cc: Linda Kuzmaul, Board of Appeals J. Robert Haines, Zoning Commissioner

Baltimore County, Maryland

September 10, 1991

PEOPLE'S COUNSEL ROOM 304, COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING 111 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 887\*94:2188

PHYLLIS COLE FRIEDMAN People's Counsel

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN Deputy People's Counsel

The Honorable Michael B. Sauer, Panel Chairman County Board of Appeals Room 315, County Office Building

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Gerald A. Martin, Jr., Petitioner - Zoning Case No. 91-192-A

Dear Chairman Sauer:

In your consideration of this case, please review the following legal points:

1. Once a zoning case is litigated, the decision is binding in subsequent litigation involving the same property and the same parties (or their successors) in the absence of an erroneous determination of law. Board of County Com'rs of Cecil County v. Racine, 24 Md. App. 435, 332 A.2d 306 (1975); See Whittle v. Board of Zoning Appeals of Baltimore County, 211 Md. 36, 125 A.2d 41 (1956). In a similar situation, the Court of Appeals stated,

"A litigious or disappointed parent must not be permitted to relitigate questions of custody endlessly upon the same facts, hoping to find a chancellor sympathetic to his or her claim." McCready v. McCready, No. 11, September Term, 1990.

2. The standard of unnecessary hardship or practical Edifficulty refers to the property situation, and not to opersonalities. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208, 310 A.2d 783

3. A purchaser of a property which does not conform to zoning standards is disqualified from claiming hardship or difficulty, because the hardship and general situation is "selfcreated". Gleason v. Keswick Improvement Assn., 197 Md. 46, 78 A.2d 164 (1951); Anderson, American Law of Zoning, Sections 3.35, 20.44-20.47, 20.58-59.

generated when the original owner of the property, Mrs. Joan M. Cox, subdivided her property and sold part of it, undersized, to Charles Kelley, Inc. This transaction alone generated the original petition for variance, which was denied. The second transaction, apparently between Charles Kelley, Inc. and Mr. Martin, simply regenerated or compounded this history.

The history of this case shows that the problems were

We also note the concerns raised by the neighboring Protestants in their letter received September 6, 1991. Whatever the details of the more recent transaction between Charles Kelley, Inc. and Mr. Martin, the granting of a variance here would facilitate the further sale of the property by Mr. Martin to another builder. This could easily be the Kelley company, - because of its familiarity with the property. In other words, this case could accomplish indirectly what the Board directly denied in 1986.

We recognize, of course, the desirability of the Board's suggestion that the parties resolve this case among themselves. That would presumably involve the purchase of the undersized lots by the neighbors, thereby avoiding the construction of a new house. It is possible, however, that a reconciliation may not occur. If not, the Board must put the case in its historical perspective. In this context, there is no legal justification for the grant of a variance.

> Very truly yours, Ma Commercia Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel

cc: Mr. Gerald A. Martin, Jr. Ms. Louise A. Alder Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parker Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schatz

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RECEIVED COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS 91 SEP -6 PH12: 50

Michael Sauer Panel Chairman Office of Zoning 111 W Chesapeake Ave Towson, Md 21204

Case# 91-129-A Manolia Ave residents vs. Gerald Martin

Dear Sir,

We were in attendance on August 30 for the appeal of the above case. Testimony taken in that case raised several questions that concern us regarding the ownership and worth of lots 855 and 856.

We have yet to see a recorded deed showing Gerald Martin as owner of the lots. At the first hearing he presented an unstamped photocopy of a deed that was rejected as evidence. He has not proved ownership. Neither has he provided a tax bill which would prove ownership as well as record the assessed land value.

You will find in the original transcripts of case 86-438-A that no money exchanged hands when Joan Cox transferred the property to Charles Kelley. The lots were presented as payment for a repair bill owed by Mrs. Cox to Mr. Kelley. We question whether a similar exchange has occurred between Gerald Martin and Charles Kelley. That Mr. Kelley attended the adverse possession suit as Mr. Martin's witness fostered our opinion that Mr. Kelley retains an interest in the lots.

Mr Kelley remains a licensed builder in Baltimore County. Now that Mr. Martin states that he may sell the lots to a builder upon gaining rezoning, we question whether that builder will be Mr. Kelley, who exhausted his appeals to gain rezoning himself.

Mr. Martin testified that he paid for the lots with a loan from a private investor, to whom he is paying only interest at this time. We wonder who the investor is and why he accepts only interest. We would like to know his identity and the terms of the contract, which seems pertinent to this case in that Mr. Martin is declaring financial hardship. If he has expended no money he has lost none. Contingency clauses may exist: Mr. Kelley had one with Mrs. Cox in his first contract for the lots, that voided the contract if rezoning was denied.

Mr. Martin has claimed financial hardship. In the interest of integrity, we ask that his claim be proven by submitting legal title to the land, it's tax bill, the loan contract, his tax returns and a financial statement. Mr.Martin is working-we see him and members of his crew removing and returning building supplies to the garage on the lots.

We accept that it is the court's right to base it's decision on testimony offered during the hearing, but we hope that you will consider our request that Mr.Martin's claims be backed with legal proof.

You may be interested to know that the land directly behind 3226 Magnolia Ave is to be sold with a new house built upon it. The lot size is 75X125 ft. (9375 sq ft.), as are 3222 and 3226 Magnolia Ave. (Mr. Martin has only 5875 sq ft.-less the garage site-to build on.) No one disputes the owner's right to build as the lot size supports the building. We are simply asking that our neighborhood be allowed to retain it's nature of family-size homes with comfortable space between. It is why we chose Magnolia Avenue for our homes and why so many of our residents have remained here for so long.

Sincerely,

Patricia Parker Richard Parker 3222 Magnlia Ave

Katherine Schatz Thomas Schatz 3226 Magnolia Ave

cc Gerald Martin Max Zimmerman

Richard and Patricia Parker 3222 Magnolia Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21227

Mr. Robert Haines Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No: 91-129-A

Dear Mr. Haines:

We are attaching a copy of our ex parte injunction for civil case No: 68-359-90CSP-3203. Simply stated, we are asking for a decision on Lot 855 regarding our ownership of approximately  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. This  $3\frac{1}{2}$  foot strip has been maintained and utilized by the Parker family for over 30 years. We would first like to protest the granting of a variance until this case is settled. We'd like to stress to the Board that, in fact, 5 feet would not be sufficient should our case be resolved in our favor. In that event the lots in questions would only have  $46\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

We would also like to state that in May 1986 when another petition was made for a variance on this same property it was denied by the Board of Zoning. Attached is a copy of the decision of case no: 86-438-A. The objections of ourselves and other residents of Magnolia Avenue are still the same:

1. Houses on both sides of the block, except three, were built on properties from 60 to 180 ft. wide. The 3 built on 50 ft. lots were not protested because looking at paper drawings they did not seem objectionable—after they were built they were objectionable.

2. Additional on-street parking and other safety factors with on-street parking since there are now approximately 30 children who live and play on this

3. Less space for fire equipment (Houses on both sides much older).

4. General decrease in attractiveness of neighborhood.

5. There would be no hardship on part of new owner.

Upon first meeting Mr. Martin who informed us of his ownership of said property we discussed the problems, the 1986 variance request and denial-Mr. Martin stated he knew nothing of this. Our objections, as well as those of other residents were clearly explained to Mr. Martin. Since this time Mr. Martin has taken great steps to be an absolute nuisance to the neighbors on each side. He has harassed my wife with threatening telephone calls. This was very calculated on his part since he made these calls at a time of evening that he knew I was not at home but at work. These telephone calls resulted in a police report, a copy of which is attached.

For these reasons we ask the Board to please deny this request for a variance.

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Obviously, my clients could not continue to bid against The strip of land from the old boundary of the Parker property to the edge of the weed grown driveway on the lots you purchased is now part of the Parker property at 3222 Magnolia Avenue. Over a more than 20 year period Mr. Parker has maintained this strip, planted trees, and erected sheds. He has ample evidence to his adverse possession of the property which has placed title to the strip to him and his wife. I repeat that our position is that the strip of land from the old Parker boundary to the edge of the driveway on the lots
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Gerald A. Martin Jr. 91 SEP 16 AH11: 40 1900 Rockridge Ct. Marriottsville, Md. 21104

> Re: Gemald A. Martin Jr. Petitioner- Zoning Case No. 91-192-A

## Dear Chairman Sauer:

The Honorable

Panel Chairman

Michael B. Sauer

County Board Of Appeals

111 W. Chesapeake Ave.

Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 315, County Office Building

This letter is in response to Mr. Richard Parker sent to us on which he did not state the date. Enclosed is a copy of my tax bill for lots 855 and 856 which you can

see remain unpaid. I bought the lots from Mr. Charles Kelly with no prior notice of the zoning problems with these lots. Mr. Kelly attended the adverse possession suit for what I believe was the sole purpose of seeing the outcome on this case, as the adverse possession is the only legal recourse I have to bring against him, I resent Mr. Parkers accusations that I have any deals with Mr. Kelly and feel I am a victim to Mr. Kelly and will be willing to sign papers to this effect.Mr. Kelly does not answer my phone calls or is willing to help me to any effect. Also it seems to me Mr. Kelly has been greatly rewarded for what he has done to me concerning this lot, why would be gain anything else.

I have no intention of selling this property. I stand to lose more money if I do. I wish these questions could have been asked at the hearing so I could have defended myself against these accusations then.I will repeat that I do not have any dealings with Mr. Kelly and wish I never had met him in the first place.

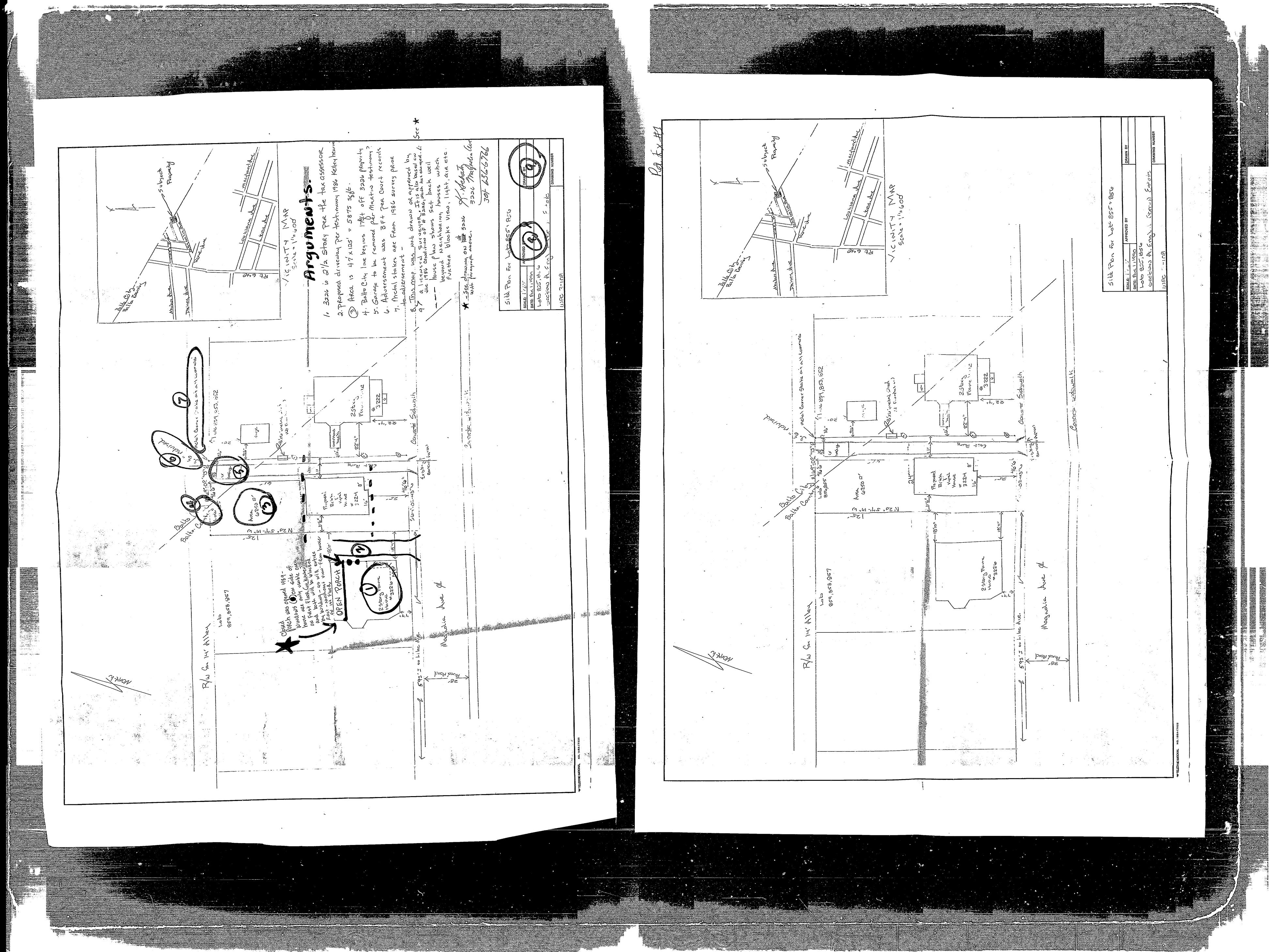
My investor is a man named Mr. Daniel Libby who lent me the money to purchase this property. He has lent me money before for a couple of lots and again <u>I repeat</u> has no dealings with Mr. Kelly. What Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Cox deal was I was not a party to and had or have not known.If Mr. Parker would like to talk to Mr. Libby he can phone him242-0489. He is willing to answer any questions. The only thing Mr. Libby will gain from this loan is a profit from the selling of a house on this property. If I'd have known of the zoning difficulties of this lot I never would have borrowed the money for this property with interest due each month.

My 1990 tax statement will also show that I am suffering hardship's both financialy and mentaly because of this. I have money tied up in this property defending the adverse possession which I couldn't afford a lawyer ,in the zoning and the money and interest I owe Mr. Libby. My morgage has been late and other bills because of this.I was a small builder and made a living building a couple houses and selling them. That bussiness is being held up now. I have no crew of men and do most of the building myself with the exception of a few sub-contractors who would not go to this property to get any tools of mine. Mr. Parker is mistaken in this matter..

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RICHARD E. PARKER PATRICIA L. PARKER 3222 Magnolia Avenue Baltimore, MD 21227 Plaintiffs,

GERALD MARTIN, JR. 1900 Rockridge Court Marriottsville, MD 21104 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

\* IN THE \* CIRCUIT COURT BALTIMORECCUNTY 68-359-90 CSP-3203

EX PARTE INJUNCTION

Upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion for Ex Parte and Interlocutory Injunctions, this Court finds that without an Ex Parte Injunction, it is likely that Plaintiffs will suffer immediate, substantial and irreparable harm if Defendant is permitted to take any of the actions set forth below. Accordingly, it is this 3/pt day of lug., 1990, by the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore County,

ORDERED that:

Defendant, Gerald L. Martin, Jr., and all persons over whom Defendants may have or exercise control, are hereby enjoined, restrained and required to refrain from:

(a) Entering upon, transferring, leasing, deeding, conveying, mortgaging, encumbering, grading, clearing, raising, building upon or otherwise exercising any acts of ownership over the Disputed Property. This property includes all of the property along the border of Lots 854 and 855 up the edge of a



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3221 MAGNOCIA AVE



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200 Court House Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 494-3180

October 30, 1986

Robert A. Hoffman, Esq. Cook, Howard, Downes & Tracy 210 Allegheny Ave. P. O. Box 5517 Towson, Md. 21204

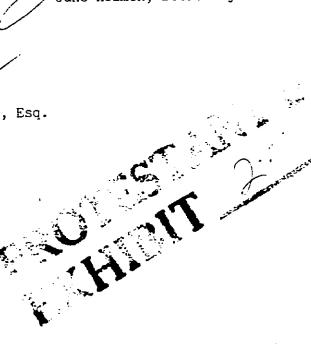
Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Re: Case No. 86-438-A Joan M. Cox

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Opinion and Order passed today by the County Board of Appeals in the above entitled case.

June Holmen, Secretary

cc: Joan M. Cox Charles E. Kelley Richard E. Parker/ Thomas Schatz Herbert O'Conor, III, Esq. Louise A. Adler Phyllis C. Friedman Norman E. Gerber James Hoswell Arnold Jablon Jean M. H. Jung



BALTIMORE COUNTY
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
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ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER

JEAN M. H. JUNG DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

May 16, 1986

Ms. Joan M. Cox 2581 Locksley Road Melbourne, FL 32935

> RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE N/S of Magnolia Avenue. 593' E of the centerline of Lilac Avenue (3224 Magnolia Avenue) -13th Election District Joan M. Cox, Petitioner Case No. 86-438-A

Dear Ms. Cox:

I have this date passed my Order in the above captioned matter in accordance with the attached.

> Very truly yours, JEAN M. H. JUNG Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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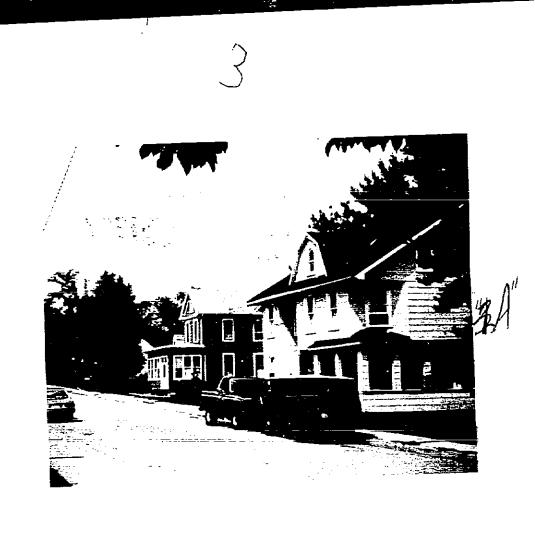
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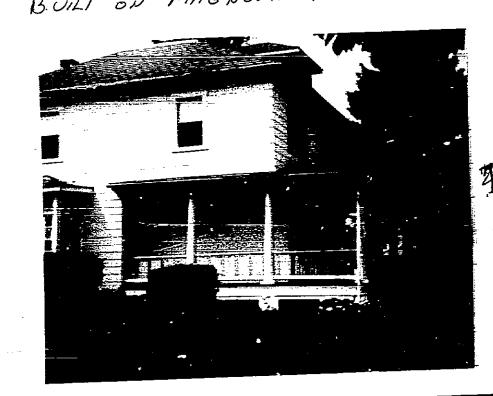
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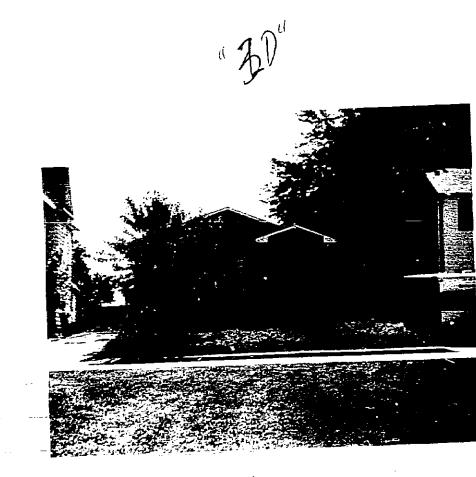




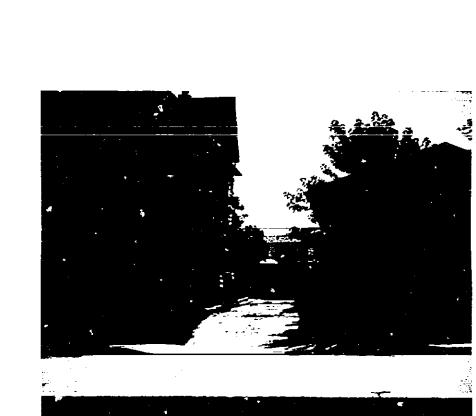
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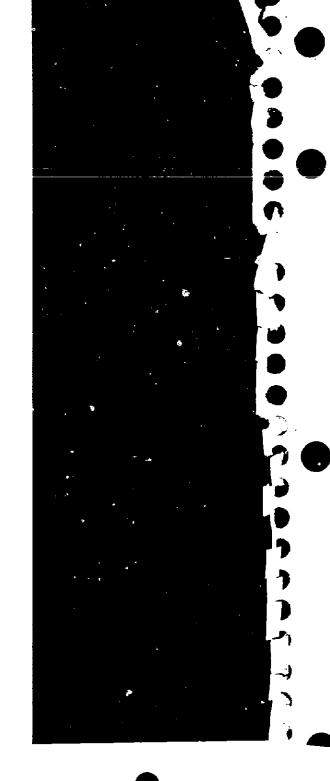
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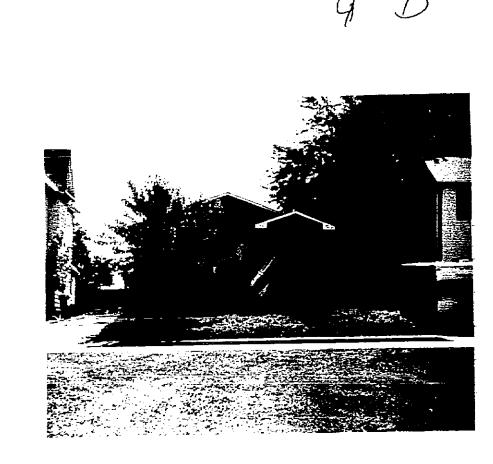


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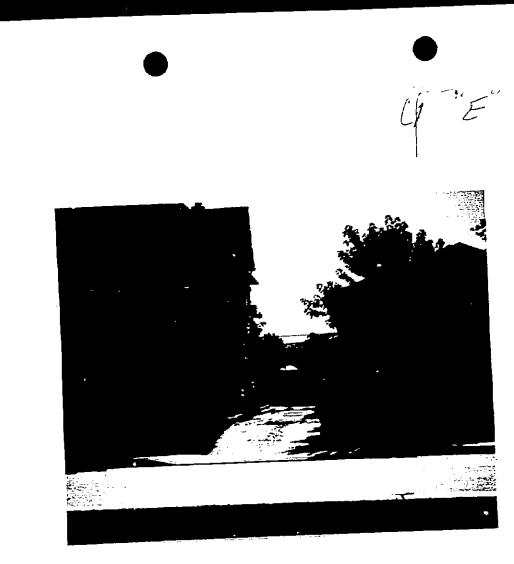


RELATIVE SIZE OF HOUSES BUILT ON MAGNOLIA AVE.





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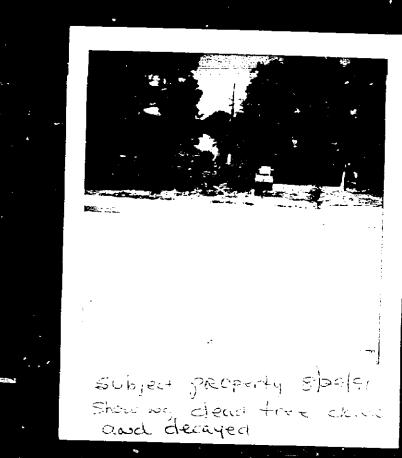


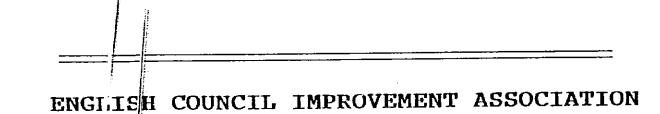












October 25, 1990

Board of Commissioners Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No: 91-129-A

## Gentlemen:

As the President of the English Council Improvement Association I submit the attached protest letters for the above referenced case

We, as a community neighborhood, depend on both Baltimore County and Baltimore City to set forth rules and regulations to protect our areas. This is what we are asking you for in this case--please deny this request for a variance.

3218 Magnolia Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21227, (301) 354-1262

Respectfully yours,

Louise alder Louise A. Alder, President

Enclosures

PROTESTANT EXHIBIT

1B02.3--Special Regulations for Certain Existing Developments or Subdivisions and for Small Lots or Tracts in D.R. Zones. [Bill No. 100, 1970.]

A. In D.R. zones, contrary provisions of this article notwithstanding, the provisions of or pursuant to this subsection shall apply to the use, occupancy, and development of, the alteration or expansion of structures upon, and administrative procedures with respect to: [Bill No. 100, 1970.]

 Any lot which is in a recorded residential sub-division approved by the Baltimore County Planning Board or Baltimore County Planning Commission and which has been used, occupied, or improved in accordance with the approved subdivision plan; [Bill No. 100, 1970.]

2. Any land in a subdivision tract which was laid out in accordance with the regulations of residence zoning classifications now rescinded, for which a subdivision plan tentatively approved by the Planning Board remains in effect, and which has not been used, occupied, or improved in accordance with such plan; [Bill No. 100, 1970.]

3. Any lot, or tract of lots in single ownership, which is not in an existing development or subdivision as described in Subparagraph 1 or 2 and which is too small in gross area to accommodate six dwelling or density units in accordance with the maximum permitted density in the D.R. zone in which such tract is located; or [Bill No. 100, 1970.]

4. Any lot, or tract of lots in single ownership, which is not in an existing development or subwhich is not in an existing development of Subdivision as described in Subparagraph 1 or 2 and
which is less than one-half acre in area, regardless of the number of dwelling or density units
that would be permitted at the maximum permitted density in the zone in which it is located. [Bill No. 100, 1970.]

5. Any lot, or tract of lots in single ownership which is in a duly recorded subdivision plat not approved by the Baltimore County Planning Board or Planning Commission. [Bill No. 100, 1970.]

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\* IN THE RICHARD E. PARKER PATRICIA L. PARKER \* CIRCUIT COURT Plaintiffs, \* FOR \* BALTIMORE COUNTY GERALD MARTIN, JR. \* CJVIL ACTION #: 68-359-90CSP-3203 Defendant.

This matter having come to trial on February 5, 1991 and upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment, Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defendant, Pro Se, having been heard, and the pladings, Answers to Interrogatories, Admissions, and Affidavits herein having been read and considered, it is this day of February, 1991, by the Circuit Court for Baltimore

ORDERED that judgment be, and it is hereby entered against , the Defendant, Gerald Martin, Jr. and in favor of the Plaintiffs, Richard E. Parker and Patricia L. Parker, declaring that by virtue of their adverse possession, fee simple title is vested in said Plaintiffs as Tenants by the Entireties in all that lot of ground situate partly in Baltimore County and partly in Baltimore City, State of Maryland, which is designated as "Disputed Property" on a Plat entitled Survey Exhibit, Lots 852-856, Section A, English Consul Estate (WPC 3-108A) which Plat was prepared by Peter A. Gallerizzo of T.S.A., Inc. and certified by the same surveyor on February 5, 1991, and which is attached hereunto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, and it is further;





13 Charles The Contract







ENGLISH CONSUL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION August 26, 1991 County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County
County Office Building, Room 315
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No. 91-129A Gerald A. Martin, Jr. N/s Magnolia Ave. (3224 Magnolia Ave.)

Dear Board Members: Once again we ask that you please deny this petition.

Our neighbors and our members have agreed, unanimously, that this variance, if approved would detrimentally effect our small, ruralvariance, it approved would declimentally effect our small, later like area. We believed that the denial of 11/20/90 was finally the end of this matter. We truly hope that your denial August 30, 1991 will finally end it.

Once again we ask that you please consider the future of our community when making your decision--and decide to deny this petition. Thank you,

> Respectfully yours, Louise A. Alder President ENGLISH CONSUL IMPROVEMENT ASSOC. 3218 Magnolia Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21227

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Roland and Remedios Plummer

bought the house in 1963. Until recent physical disabilities overtook
them, they worked steadily at restoring it as close as possible to its original appearance.

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The Dawson estate was sold in several sections. The central portion, a 20.5-acre tract that included the mansion, was known as "English Consul and other organizations in the area use the name Baltimore Highlands," Mr. Fisher said.

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recognition of English Consul.

3. John T. Spurrier, 69, whose patriotic displays on the lawn of his Datsy Avenue home are a local landmark, recalled when the whole area around English Consul was still semi-rural. There were all trees and paths and lakes and ponds here. I hunted squirrels and rabbits where the expressway is now. Old Annapofrom a pickup truck in Care a four digit code number

LAW OFFICES OF SALVATORE E. ANELLO, III LAW BUILDING 1334 SULPHUR SPRING ROAD P. O. BOX 18280 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21227 SALVATORE E. ANELLO, III ROBERT LIDSTON JAMES J. TEMPLE, JR. MARCIE A. PERRY LEGAL ASSISTANT May 14, 1987 Charles E. Kountz, Jr. 2201 Hammonds Ferry Road Baltimore, Maryland 21227 Re: Kelly-Parker Boundary Dispute Dear Mr. Kountz: As per our agreement, Glen E. Cox has now appraised the two lot, fifty foot parcel, in question. He notes that, to date, there is no deed recorded showing your client to be the owner of the property. Accepting your explanation for this situation, I assume that he soon will have a recorded deed. Mr. Cox further notes that, at present, the property cannot be developed because of its fifty foot width. A variance would be required and this has not yet proved to be obtainable. My undertanding is that one reason the variance has been denied is that Mr. Kelly suffered no economic loss, having taken the property in trade for services. Still, I recognize that those services do have value. Mr. Cox appraises the two lots at \$4,500.00 for both and adds a value for the garage of \$1,000.00 for a total of \$5,500.00. Though I understand Mr. Kelly put some work into the garage, the structure is of no real consequence to my clients. They are now offering \$4,500.00 for the two lots and will pay the costs of transferring the property, excepting any back taxes I look forward to hearing from you with a response to this

Sincerely,

RL:mll

cc: Richard E. Parker

Robert Lidston

By Robert A. Erlandson Baltimore County Bureau of The Sun county, complained Frances Holmes, a partisan for the historic identity of her tiny community.

Mrs. Holmes, a native of England declares her vestigial national pride like other residents, feels it is being subsumed by Baltimore Highland, which is actually an adjacent area. Local business people plan to resay they may campaign to get the name of English Consul included. The English Consul identity

Roland and Remedios Plummer's grandchildren sit in front of their historic English Consul mansion. Residents of English Consul seeking to restore recognition to community

estate should be perpetuated; Baltimore Highlands doesn't have a past that goes back to Colonial times," said Charles R. "Bob" Courtney, 58, president of the English Consul Volunteer Fire Department — which actually is based in Baltimore Highlands.

"Maybe we can do something about getting the name up there. I'd like to try," he said. try, he said.

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Consul Dawson died in 1820 and is buried at Old St. Paul's Burial near University Hospital. His demore for decades afterward The name English Consul was applied to the area after the subdivi-sion of the 254-acre Dawson estate nglish Consul Christian Church. The pastor, the Rev. James Duke. aid he, too, would like to see more vas well-known as English Consul, it it seems the name is being lost. Those who carry the name are very proud of it and wouldn't drop it for

COUNTY AND ZONING APHIC MAP

for City Council

3 plans proposed to revise districts

districting proposals apparently was precipitated by Councilman Wilbur E. Tsill" Cunningham, D-3rd, who announced Friday he was planning to introduce a council resolution that would place a referendum for 11 single-member districts on the November ballot.

Mr. Cunningham, who bitterly denounced the redistricting plan adopted by the council March 23—saying it would be racially divisive without achieving racial fatrness—said cutting eight seats from the 19-member council would cut its operat-